

## ***A&FRC Current Volunteer Opportunities – January 2017***

*Perhaps the first and biggest benefit people get from volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country. The simple act of offering your skills and enthusiasm can positively impact the lives of others, as well as your own. Make a difference in your community and choose an organization below that is meaningful to you and that suits your skills and interests. We ask that all Kirtland AFB visit the A&FRC to complete a Volunteer In-Take package, so that we can continue to recognize our awesome volunteer community. Contact the A&FRC for additional information at (505) 846-0741/0751.*

Note: Military members and DoD civilian employees who earn 200 points in a 12-month period will be eligible for a Leadership Pathways Certificate of Accomplishment and a Leadership Pathways coin. *Volunteers may now earn up to 50 maximum Leadership Pathways points by volunteering.*

**Any Organization wishing to add a volunteer opportunity should contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Ms. Kyshia Newsome, KAFB Volunteer Coordinator at 853-1717 or 846-0741/0751 or e-mail [kyshia.newsome.1@us.af.mil](mailto:kyshia.newsome.1@us.af.mil) to change or add volunteer opportunities:**

### **Current Volunteer Opportunities:**

**New Mexico Veterans Memorial:** The New Mexico Veterans Memorial mission is to serve as a focal point to honor the service of New Mexico veterans and families, to provide a venue for activities commemorating important American historical events, to educate school groups and other organizations on the rich military history of New Mexico, and to help promote programs that further veteran organizations and veteran causes. The Memorial provides countless opportunities for service organizations, as well as dedicated individuals, to contribute. The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- 1) Outreach: Developing and executing a program to effectively reach out to veterans, their families, our community, and our state.
- 2) Grounds improving and maintenance projects: There is an ongoing need to have groups provide support ensuring the grounds are always at their best. Equipment is provided to facilitate this important work.
- 3) Support of the “front desk” at the Memorial’s visitor center: The Memorial is open from 9:00-3:00 every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day; the front desk requires two volunteers in three-hour shifts to ensure visitors are greeted and guided to maximize their visit. Many service organizations volunteer to cover a “shift” on an ongoing basis – such as the first Sunday of each month – guaranteeing coverage for that period. Interested folks who are not affiliated with any particular organization are also welcome to sign up for individual shifts.
- 4) Docent Support: For interested individuals who would like to help educate visiting school/tour groups, there is a robust Docent program – and you don’t need to be an expert on New Mexico history to participate.
- 5) Support to the Memorial’s Museum and Library: Every week, people donate items – uniforms, paintings, newspapers, books, and other militaria -- to the Memorial; we can always use help cataloging these items and helping display them.

If you are interested in making the New Mexico Veterans Memorial a better place, please contact Bernie Lambe at [bernie.lambe@gmail.com](mailto:bernie.lambe@gmail.com); also, check us out at <http://nmvetismemorial.org/> and like us @NMVetsMemorial .

**ABQ Reads Program:** ABQ Reads Program: The Albuquerque Reads Program was launched by the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and Albuquerque Public schools to match volunteers from the community with kindergarten students. By spending a little over an hour a week during the school year, our tutors make a major difference in

children's lives. Sessions are held three times a week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-10:45am at Wherry Elementary. Each tutoring session consists of:

- A 10-15 minute lesson preview with the on-site coordinator.
- Two 30-minute tutoring sessions with two students

Tutoring sessions include reading, writing and skills development. The program includes an easy-to-follow curriculum with pre-selected books and activities. The more tutors we have, the more lives we can change! *For more information contact Jessalyn Lance at [jlance@abqchamber.com](mailto:jlance@abqchamber.com) or 505-764-3728.*

**i9 Sports Volunteer Coaches:** Are you skilled at the art of giving a "high-five?" Do you love teaching children about FUN, respect and being a team player? Would you like to create lasting memories? If you answered yes to these questions, you fit the criteria we look for in our best volunteer coaches and will love coaching in the i9 Sports Fall Flag Football, Soccer, Basketball, and T-Ball season. With our core principles of FUN, inclusivity (everyone plays), safety, and good sportsmanship, coaching in our leagues is not only a breeze... it is a blast! With games and practices on the same day, coaching in our league is only a two-hour a week commitment (on either a Saturday or Sunday). We have on-line virtual plays that you can view and implement, as well as a thorough Coaching Guide that will walk you through how to be a positive role model for the kids. We are currently looking for volunteers, who are willing to coach in our various age groups. For the safety of the children all coaches must also pass a background check. There is no greater feeling than leading a group of young children in youth sports. Give us a call today so you too can earn the title of "Coach!" or better yet. Ready to Get Started? Here's Your First Step. Call us and we can walk you through the volunteer application. *For more information contact Daniel Brock at (505) 312-4999.*

### **On Base On-Going Needs**

**Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC):** The A&FRC has various Volunteer opportunities available throughout the year, specifically, The Hearts Apart Program, The Job Fair, The Disability Awareness Fair, The Spouse Appreciation Day Event, The Special Needs Camp, and of course the A&FRC Front Desk Customer Service Desk. The A&FRC depends on the goodwill of our **volunteers** who wish to give something back to our community. We are always in need of volunteers to assist with the various events we coordinate during the year. Note: All volunteers must complete a volunteer in-take form at the A&FRC prior to volunteering, this helps us keep track of our volunteers for our Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. *For more information, contact the A&FRC at 505-846-0741/0751.*

**KAFB Thrift Shop:** The Thrift depends on the goodwill of our **volunteers** who wish to give something back. The Thrift Shop store hours are Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am-2pm and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of every month 10 am-2pm. They are currently in need of volunteers to assist with donations they receive. *For more information, contact the Thrift Shop Manager, Elizabeth Robison at 505-508-1114.*

**KAFB Airman's Attic:** The Attic depends on the goodwill of our **volunteers** who wish to give something back. They are always in need of volunteers to assist with the donations they receive. The shop is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 10a.m. to 2p.m. *For more information, contact the Attic Director Ms. Candice Birrenkott at 505-846-0460.*

**Blue Star Families Chapter Volunteers:** Blue Star Families is an international non-profit organization that is committed to strengthening military families regardless of rank, branch of service, or physical location, and leading military family members towards opportunities to build resiliency in individuals, families, and communities. Our goal is to support military families by providing unique programming; connecting military families to resources that will improve their quality of life; strengthening military families by working with our partner organizations; and empowering military families by bringing their unique issues to our elected leadership.

Chapter Volunteers are needed to support local events and assist Chapter Directors with growing and maintaining their Blue Star Families Chapter. Team member responsibilities can include administrative duties, event planning, blogging, photography and outreach. The support team is the backbone of each chapter, and the number of volunteers required depends on the needs of each individual military community. *For more information, contact the Kate Oyer, Volunteer Recognition Fellow at (931) 292-2695 or [koyer@bluestarfam.org](mailto:koyer@bluestarfam.org), [www.bluestarfam.org](http://www.bluestarfam.org)*

**Kirtland Fitness Center Volunteer:** Performs and/or assists other recreation assistants or specialists in the operation and maintenance of indoor and/or outdoor recreational facilities. Types of duties include but are not limited to the following: Operates a front desk, ensuring only authorized patrons use the facility and equipment;

maintains a reservation system for sports courts and fields; issues and receives equipment; maintains indoor and outdoor facilities to include, but not limited to, fitness center annex, tennis courts, ball fields, and football/soccer fields. Arranges for equipment, checking them out to participants, and checking them for condition on their return. Assists in setting up facilities, grounds and equipment for programs and special functions and helps with group activities which require more than one staff monitor. Provides assistance to facility users by explaining function and features available. Ensures reserved areas are ready for use by customers and that lockers are clean and operable, strings tennis or volleyball nets; lines base lines and base paths; sets up batting cages; checks the established safety system of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and areas, tools, and equipment; posts announcements of scheduled activities and answers inquiries about item, place, transportation, or other matters related to scheduled events. Takes inventory of supplies and equipment; restocks and displays check-out items; provides equipment manager with list of re-order needs. Performs specifically assigned tasks and other related duties as assigned. *For more information, contact Steven Bowlin KAFB, Fitness Center Director, at 505-846-5100 or Steven.Bowlin@kirtland.af.mil.*

**Outdoor Recreation-Rock climbing Wall:** Check in rock climbing customers. Manage paperwork and keep files in order. Maintain inventory of climbing gym equipment. Help out with climbing gym parties and classes. Keep climbing gym clean and orderly. Volunteers must be available at least 2 evenings per month from 5pm to 8pm to work in the climbing gym. *For more information, contact Joni Van Meir at 505-846-3351.*

**Outdoor Recreation-Front desk:** Need someone to operate the front desk by answering phones, assist with check-out of various equipment, light filing, and checking ID cards. We have fun events and programs throughout the year when we need reliable volunteers to help us set up, run the event or program and clean up. *For more information, contact Joni Van Meir at 505-846-3351.*

**Outdoor Recreation-Ski Tech:** Assist customers with ski fitting and rentals. Maintaining, waxing, and adjusting skis. Organizing and cleaning winter equipment. *For more information, contact Joni Van Meir at 505-846-3351.*

**Youth Center Teen Summer Volunteer Program:** Assist various school age Camp programs. The Teen Volunteer Program at the Youth Center begins accepting applications in January of each year; there are limited slots, so get your application early. *For more information, contact Robert Bailey at 505-853-1861.*

### Off Base On-Going Needs

**Barrett Foundation, Inc.:** The Barrett Foundation provides homeless women and children with shelter, food, clothing, case management and resources. They strive to offer a safe and nurturing environment aimed at helping families end the cycle of homelessness. They are always in need of people looking to have a positive impact on the lives of the women and children of the Barrett Foundation. Opportunities range from sorting donations and preparing meals to reading to children and assisting our career counselors (upon the completion of additional training). Volunteering at the Barrett Foundation is simple, Fill out the online form at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=2144687682> and a member of our staff will contact you. You can also contact our volunteer coordinator at 505-246-9244 for additional information regarding volunteer opportunities.

**Visitors Center and Museum:** Some 130 volunteers from 20 different veterans groups staff the Visitors Center and Museum. They act as greeters and tour guides. The volunteers also do light cleaning and maintenance of the building and grounds. Each veteran's organization is assigned one day a month. *Persons interested in volunteering may contact Larry Blair at (505) 821-1386.*

**New Mexico VA Health Care System:** New Mexico VA Health Care System depends on the goodwill of our **volunteers** who wish to give something back to America's heroes. Here is a listing of assignments which are available; each assignment requires an application and an interview:

- Information Desk,
- Patient escorts,
- Assisting in Pharmacy,
- Prosthetics Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,
- Chaplain Service,
- As a visitor in the Friendly Visitor's program
- Checking in Patients

- Calling Patients
- Filing
- Mailing out packets
- Laundry and Kitchen duties

*For more information, contact Mrs. Joanne Chavez at the VA HR Volunteer Office at 505-256-2771.*

**University of New Mexico (UNM) ROTC SUMMER Hire/Volunteer Opportunities:** The UNM ROTC has an ongoing need for Teen Summer Hires and Volunteers. *For more information, contact Mrs. Judy Ortiz-Aragon at 505-235-1343.*

**Albuquerque Police Department Volunteer Services Program:** is a rewarding experience. APD's mission is to utilize citizen volunteers to assist the Albuquerque Police Department in improving the quality of life in our community. Even though volunteers are not commissioned police officers, the duties that they perform are crucial to the day-to-day operation of the Albuquerque Police Department. Sworn officers currently handle some of the administrative tasks that volunteers can perform. By assisting with these tasks, volunteers free up officers to handle calls for service, to serve proactively in the community and to handle investigative responsibilities. Available volunteer opportunities are: Main Police Station & several substations, Albuquerque Family Advocacy Center, Albuquerque Police Academy, Chaplain Unit, Citizens Police Academy, Court Services, Crime Analysis, Crime Lab- ICRIS Section, Crime Lab – ID Unit, DWI Seizure Unit, and Property Crimes. *For more information about the APD Volunteer Services Program please contact Tom Ladoux at (505) 761-8823.*

**ABQ BioPark Education Volunteers:** The volunteers of ABQ BioPark Education make many programs at the BioPark possible. Education could not carry out its mission of teaching about life and encouraging conservation without the generous work of volunteers. No specialized knowledge is necessary to become a volunteer. BioPark staff will teach you everything you need to know in the training sessions. We ask that you bring your enthusiasm, a commitment to conservation, a sense of responsibility and patience. Experienced volunteers and staff are available to assist you after training, and monthly volunteer meetings keep you up-to-date. *For more information, contact ABQBioPark at 505-848-7172 or e-mail [biopark@cabq.gov](mailto:biopark@cabq.gov)*

**Light House Counseling:** needs volunteers to cover the front desk (2) two hours per day Monday - Friday. Volunteers can work one day or several days. *For more information, Donna Berry Office Manager Lighthouse Counseling (505) 296-4449 [lcouncili@aol.com](mailto:lcouncili@aol.com)*

**Children's Grief Center of New Mexico:** Volunteer Office Support is needed to help the Executive Director and Program Coordinator by placing phone calls, preparing mailings, entering data and other general office tasks, as well as special projects. Primary responsibilities depend on areas of interest and experience. Please be flexible, have good communication skills (in English or Spanish), and enjoy working with others. All training is provided. The success of the Children's Grief Center of New Mexico depends on the very special people who volunteer. Come and explore the transformative experience of volunteering to support grieving children and their families! PLEASE help us spread the word! We want to help as many children as possible. Please pass this information on to your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. *For more information Kelly Geib-Eckenroth Program Coordinator Children's Grief Center of New Mexico (505) 323-0478 [kelly@childrensgrief.org](mailto:kelly@childrensgrief.org)*

**Step It UP ABQ:** The Mayor's Office is looking for volunteers who would like to manage Step It UP ABQ booths at special events! These community events will include Summer Zoo music concerts, SummerFest, Health fairs, and other community requests from the Mayor. These volunteers will help educate community members about Mayor Berry's new Health and Wellness initiative and encourage people to join the City's community effort to reduce our obesity and diabetes rates in Albuquerque by taking on a family-friendly challenge- to wear a pedometer and log their steps. If you love to long walks in your community, have a friendly personality, and are looking for a social initiative to get involved with, this is a great opportunity for you to help others! *For more information Leslie Munoz MOVE Coordinator Mayor's Office (505) 768-3012 or [lmunoz@cabq.gov](mailto:lmunoz@cabq.gov)*

**Open Space Division:** Open Space works to acquire and protect the natural character of land designated as major public Open Space in the 1988 revised City of Albuquerque Comprehensive Plan. These lands, which comprise more than 28,000 acres in and around Albuquerque. The Open Space Visitor Center is launching a new approach to training which we will engage volunteers more fully into the operation of the facility and the greater Open Space program. Volunteer opportunities include: Greeters: They are our frontline to the public, orienting visitors to the facility, answering phones, and assisting with small clerical tasks. Gardens: The success of Traditions Garden,

Pollinator Garden, and extended landscaping is due to volunteers. Watering, weeding, compost maintenance, planting, harvesting, and interpretation are among the essential tasks in the garden. No experience is necessary. Please specify if gardening is what you wish to do so that you may begin training right away. Education: Education is the primary goal of the OSVC. Development of education materials and guiding tours are of the facility's greatest education needs. Additional jobs include design, media outreach, data entry, wetland maintenance, bosque maintenance, and special event support. *For more information Kim Selving Open Space Coordinator (505) 897-8831 [kselving@cabq.gov](mailto:kselving@cabq.gov)*

The **American Red Cross**: is recruiting volunteers to help assist active duty military as well as veterans. *For more information go to <http://www.redcross.org/newmexico/volunteer>.*

**Homeless Services: Heading Home:** Every two years, the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness and Heading Home work together to coordinate Survey Week. Interested contact Lisa Maury 505-226-1700 Project Share: We serve an evening meal from 5-6 pm every day EXCEPT WEDNESDAY to anyone who is in need, no qualifying is necessary. We utilize volunteers to help serve if necessary, kitchen support, tray cleaning, drink service and general clean up and set up as needed before and after the meal. Contact [carla.miszkiel@psabq.org](mailto:carla.miszkiel@psabq.org)

**Cloud Dancers Therapeutic Horsemanship Program, Inc. (Cloud Dancers):** Volunteers are a very important aspect of the program. While some riders eventually ride independently, often a rider's needs necessitate the use of a volunteer to lead the horse, and perhaps the use of one or even two side-walkers to help with the rider's balance or other support. Saturday Mornings at 8:30AM - 11:30AM

Additional info: Cloud Dancers Therapeutic Horsemanship Program, Inc. (Cloud Dancers) is an Albuquerque-based recreational horsemanship program founded in 1982 for people with disabilities. We are a 501c(3) non-profit organization located in Corrales, New Mexico. Our goal is to provide individuals with an opportunity for a unique therapeutic, recreational experience in a fun, safe environment.

Cloud Dancers is an Affiliate Center Member of PATH Intl. (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International). Cloud Dancers offers a Therapeutic Riding Program.

Our certified instructors and trained volunteers focus on the riders' abilities. While many of our riders have serious physical and developmental challenges, they can overcome many of the barriers they experience in their everyday lives by using skills learned while riding. A person with physical limitations can find new opportunities for mobility on a horse, while others may experience increased confidence, pride, and responsibility. *For more information contact Julia Arnold at [julia.arnold@clouddancersthp.org](mailto:julia.arnold@clouddancersthp.org), (727) 492-1020.*

**Crossroads for Women:** Housing and Donation volunteers work with Crossroads for Women staff and other volunteers to set up apartments for newly arriving clients and pick up donations of furniture for those homes. This work typically takes place on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons but days and hours sometimes vary depending on how many participants enter the program in a given month and also depending on how many donations are received. A volunteer in this position typically comes in two to 6 hours per week, but could come in more often or come in some weeks but not others. Volunteers for this position must be over the age of 18 and comfortable working with others to lift mattresses, chairs, sofas, and other furniture. Must be able to lift over 50lbs, be licensed in the state of NM, and have a clean driving record. *For more information contact Jess Fulton at [res.dev.asst@crossroadsabq.org](mailto:res.dev.asst@crossroadsabq.org), (505) 242-1010.*

**Adelante Development Center:** Volunteers needed to assist in a Mobile Market pilot program to serve customers in food insecure areas of Albuquerque on Tuesday afternoons July through October. Must have strong, bilingual communication skills and a desire to participate in a program that provides healthy food choices for New Mexico's hungry. *Please contact Glenna Donnell at (505) 449-4021 or email her at [gjdonnell@gadelante.org](mailto:gjdonnell@gadelante.org).*

**St. Martin's Hospitality Center Assist the Homeless in our Day Shelter:** Additional info: Must speak Spanish and English. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday afternoons from 12-5 beginning on July 7, 2015 and ending October 27, 2015.

*St. Martin's needs volunteers on a daily basis in our Day Shelter. The shelter serves as the primary point of contact and referral to all other St. Martin's programming.*



Day Shelter Location: 1201 3rd Street NE-- (on 3rd in between Mountain and Summer)

When: St. Martin's Hospitality Center offers regular volunteer opportunities in our Day Shelter weekdays only, Monday- Friday.

Regular Volunteer Shift Times: We offer two shifts; (1) Breakfast from 8:30 am- 11:00 am and (2) Lunch from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm.

**Shelter Stations:**

- \* Kitchen- Assist the Shelter staff in feeding over 300 clients a day.
- \* Clothing Room- Manage and help clients select some new clothing, shoes, and accessories from our Clothing Room. All materials in the clothing room are donated and completely free of charge to all clients.
- \* Shower Station- Help with shower sign up, distribution of towels, toiletries and more to those that need to shower. (Volunteers are not asked to manage the actual shower area- that is handled by Shelter Staff)
- \* Short-Term Storage- Organize and keep track of items checked into Short Term Storage.
- \* Long-Term Storage- Our clients utilize this service to store social security cards, family photos, medication and more-- anything they don't want on the streets with them.
- \* Mail Room- Volunteers typically sort, organize and distribute mail.

Additional info: Volunteers will have to complete a volunteer application prior to volunteering. **For more information contact Christina Forrest at [cforrest@smhc-nm.org](mailto:cforrest@smhc-nm.org), (505) 242-4399.**

**Presbyterian Volunteer Services Satellite Gift Shop Volunteer:**

**Objective:** To give staff support for the gift shop and use guest relations skills to provide a service for patients and their families, staff and visitors. **Qualifications:** Extroverted, mature, positive, service-oriented individual. Cashier experience is helpful, but not required as we provide training. **Time Commitment:** at least one 4 1/2 hour shift once a week. For More information contact Yilma Vogel at [yvogel@phs.org](mailto:yvogel@phs.org), (505) 291-2295.

Additional info: \*There are opportunities available at three locations:

Cooper Market  
(near Balloon Fiesta Park)  
9521 San Mateo NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Kaseman Gift Shop  
(Wyoming and Constitution)  
8300 Constitution NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Northside Gift Shop  
(near San Mateo and I-25)  
5901 Harper NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

**Albuquerque Museum Gallery Docent Training:** Are you passionate learner who likes to work with people of all ages? The Albuquerque Museum is looking for volunteers to provide tours for its school and general audiences. High quality learning is provided by experts with backgrounds in art, history and education. The 8 month training includes lectures on the Museum's permanent collection of regional art and history, hands on studio classes and tour technique sessions. Trainings take place on Mondays from 1-3:15 pm beginning September 14. Completed application and background check required prior to the beginning of training. **For more information contact Theresa Sedillo [tasedillo@cabq.gov](mailto:tasedillo@cabq.gov) (505) 764-6502.**

**Albuquerque Heading Home, Event Chair:** A local non-profit, focused on helping individuals, veterans and families experiencing homelessness, is looking for a Chairperson to help coordinate an event produced in collaboration with the Apartment Association of New Mexico. Casa Ball is a unique and fun gala-style event with a focus on fundraising that will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Sandia Casino. The chairperson will share oversight of the event with a board appointed individual from AANM and manage a committee of volunteers. The ideal

candidate will have event coordination and management experience as well as a record of successful committee/volunteer service. Excellent organizational and time management skills required. Committee meetings begin April 29<sup>th</sup> and will be held on Wednesdays at 4pm on an initial monthly basis, increasing in frequency as the event date approaches. Estimated hours are 10-15 per month until November when they increase to an estimated 20-25. This position is temporary. Salary is \$140 - \$175 per month based on experience. **For more information contact Lisa Maury [lisam@headinghome.org](mailto:lisam@headinghome.org), (505) 226-1700 x202.**

**Albuquerque Sunport Ambassador Program:** Ambassadors meet travelers with welcoming smiles and direct them to gates, bag claim, rental car shuttle busses and other airport facilities.

Ambassadors provide assistance in a friendly, timely and courteous manner that promotes a more enjoyable experience for all of our airport customers.

**NOTE:** All staff working at the Sunport will require a Sunport security badge. This volunteer program will require a criminal background check process and fingerprinted.

Additional info: The qualifications necessary to become an Ambassador are to be 18 years or older, have a friendly personality, are able to assist others and possess good communications skills. We are looking for reliable and committed individuals who are physically able to meet the demands of working in a dynamic and spacious airport environment.

Ambassadors receive many incentives, including FREE parking in the employee parking lot during work hours and limited number of off work days, discounts at participating airport restaurant and retail operations and each day.

**For more information contact Daniel Jiron [djiron@cabq.gov](mailto:djiron@cabq.gov), (505) 244-7780.**

**New Mexico Long Term Care Ombudsman Program:** Ombudsmen are advocates and problem solvers for more than 12,000 individuals living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. They provide a voice for vulnerable adults who may go unheard. Ombudsman Volunteers visit residents for a few hours weekly at an assigned facility. They assist long term care residents by advocating for their rights, investing complaints and helping to resolve their concerns and ensuring residents receive the care that they deserve.

Additional info: This volunteer opportunity has flexible hours and individuals set their own schedules. Volunteers are required to attend Associate level and Certification trainings, and pass an in-state background check. Requesting a one-year commitment. Free training, on-going monthly in-service education and annual statewide volunteer enrichment training are provided. **For more information contact Shannon Cupka [shannon.cupka@state.nm.us](mailto:shannon.cupka@state.nm.us), (505) 222-4513.**

**ABQ Bio Park, Bio Park Greeters:** Greeters act as hosts and hostesses for visitors of the ABQ Bio Park Zoo, Aquarium and Botanic Garden, explaining to visitors what exhibits are available, helping them plan their visit, and answering facility questions. Additional info: Applicants must be 18 by the date of training in order to participate. **For more information contact Carolyn Gore [bioparkvolunteers@cabq.gov](mailto:bioparkvolunteers@cabq.gov) (505) 848-7172.**

**ABQ Bio Park, Conservation Camp Counselors:** Conservation Camp Counselors are teen volunteers who assist with Camp Bio Park at the ABQ Bio Park Zoo, Aquarium, Botanic Garden and Tingley Beach. Camp Counselors are paired with a lead teacher and assist with the daily operation of a Camp Bio Park class, helping children discover nature. Additional info: Applicants must be 16 by the date of training in order to participate. **For more information contact Carolyn Gore [bioparkvolunteers@cabq.gov](mailto:bioparkvolunteers@cabq.gov), (505) 848-7172.**

**ABQ Bio Park, Student Volunteers:** The Bio Park Education Student Volunteer program is designed to give teens the opportunity to explore their interests in the environmental sciences while getting practical work experience in a fast-paced, dynamic environment. Student Volunteers will be asked to assist with an assortment of projects at the Zoo, Aquarium or Botanic Garden. Additional info: Applicants must be 16+ to participate. **For more information contact Carolyn Gore [bioparkvolunteers@cabq.gov](mailto:bioparkvolunteers@cabq.gov) (505) 848-7172.**

**Animal Welfare:** Animal lovers needed to help our shelter dogs and cats! **For more information contact Bet Lotosky, Volunteer Coordinator [blotosky@cabq.gov](mailto:blotosky@cabq.gov) (505) 767-5632.**

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program:**

Volunteer once a month and make a difference. Facilitate support Groups, Provide Childcare, and Event Planning. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program needs bilingual volunteers to facilitate support groups in South Valley. Training and support provided, no experience necessary. Groups are held once a month. **For more information contact: Melinda Shultz GRG Program Manager 243-2551mshultz@outcomesnm.org**

**Roadrunner Youth Organization:**

The Roadrunner Youth Organization is a year round program that integrates academics, leadership development, and service learning with soccer in order to help kids in underserved communities to improve their academic performance, stay active and healthy, grow as leaders in their community, and develop as competitive student athletes. Our program is powered by volunteers. We are looking for volunteers for our soccer coaching staff, and we are looking for volunteers to be trip leaders for our summer adventure series. **For more information please contact Michael Liptay at michael.liptay@gmail.com <mailto:michael.liptay@gmail.com> or 505-944-6011.**

**The Rock:** Bring your group/team to The Rock and make a difference in the community. You will come together to serve lunch to the homeless and needy while engaging your team. The Rock serves an average of 350 men, women and children during lunch each day. In 2015, over 113,000 meals were served to those in need. Your team will have the opportunity to learn about the many services available to help the homeless and hurting in our community. The Rock is open Tuesday - Friday from 8am-4pm. Lunch is served at 12pm. We also serve breakfast at 9am. **If interested contact Karen Polich [development@therockabq.com](mailto:development@therockabq.com) at (505) 246-8001 ext103.**

**Civil Air Patrol:** United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol is the volunteer auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, per the National Security Act of 1947. Formed in 1941, CAP's mission has three aspects: aerospace education, emergency services and youth development. CAP is open to active-duty Airmen, Reservists, National Guard, dependents age 12 and up, as well as civilians. For cadet members ages 12-18, they can learn aerospace, get experience flying single-engine aircraft and gliders, develop their leadership skills, learn military drill and customs, and get a head start on a career. Cadets attaining the Mitchell Award can then enter the Air Force and other uniformed services at the grade of E-3 following enlistment. For adult members, they can serve in emergency services situations including search-and-rescue and disaster response, mentor cadet members, teach aerospace and follow a number of professional development in a number of fields. Membership is transferable; upon transfer to another base, Airmen and dependents can transfer to units at their destination and retain their accomplishments, rank, training credit and more. There are three CAP squadrons located at Kirtland and many others across the Albuquerque area. **For more about CAP, visit [gocivilairpatrol.com](http://gocivilairpatrol.com) or call Capt. Ryan M. Stark, CAP Recruiting & Retention Director - New Mexico Wing Deputy Commander for Senior Members - West Mesa Composite Squadron at (C) 505.321.3266**